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## ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PHI BETA KAPPA THURSDAY NIGHT

Dr. J. P. Smith to Speak on Disputed Points of Stonewall Jackson's Life

On next Thursday night, beginning at 8 o'clock, there will be held in the college chapel the annual celebration of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. The meeting will be presided over by the president, Mr. R. M. Hughes, of Norfolk, and the speaker of the evening will be the Rev. James Power Smith, of Richmond.

This celebration is regarded as one of the big events of the college year, and both faculty and students always look forward to it with a great deal of pleasure. This year it promises to be especially interesting, as the address of the occasion is to be made on "Some Disputed Points in the Life of Stonewall Jackson."

Dr. Smith, who has spoken here before on the military achievements of the great Confederate chieftain, is probably the oldest living survivor of General Jackson's staff, and is, no doubt, better qualified than any other living man to know the truth concerning the life of the great warrior. He served as aid-de-camp to Jackson, was with him at the bloody field of Chancellorsville when he received his death wound, and when the enemy's fire was directed toward the fallen leader, it was Smith, who threw his body across that of Jackson to protect him from harm. Facts hitherto not printed will very probably be brought out. In a way it is understood that the address will be a reply to certain recent criticisms of the great soldier.

At the close of the programme a number of old students, together with several other prominent men of the state, will be initiated into the order, after which a banquet will be given to the members, their ladies and invited guests.

The public is cordially invited to hear the address in the chapel.

## MEETING OF SPOTSWOOD CLUB

The Spotswood Club will hold its regular monthly meeting this (Tuesday) evening at the Kappa Sigma House. All members are urged to be present. A number of candidates will be initiated into the club, and the meeting promises to be an interesting one.

## WHO'S WHO AND WHY AT THE VENERABLE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

Something of the Great and Super-Great in These Parts. No. 3—Max Blitzer

"Max—A fanatic, manufacturer of radical and visionary schemes."

"Blitzer—buzy, bluff, buggy, one who boosts."

"Sweeney"—a 'sawbone,' something indescribable."

—Century Dictionary.  
"IDEAS"

"Sweeney" always has an idea. He makes it a policy to advance a new idea on the average of twelve per day. This plan gives him time to debate the merits of each idea, to get very enthusiastic on the subject, to cool somewhat, to convince himself the idea is the result of the machination of hair-brained gray matter and finally to forget all about it. Indeed "Sweeney" himself is an idea personified.

## A FINGER IN THE PIE

"Sweeney" is the man who put a finger in the original pie. He came from a town where every one tries to get at least one finger in the pastry—New York City. Ergo "Sweeney" has his "dobber" in more pies than any other man about college. Also he is an expert in the making of pies. Unfortunately they go wrong in the baking.

Whenever anyone wants anything started he sends for "Sweeney;" whenever anything needs someone to manage it "Sweeney" is sent for; whenever nothing is to be started or whenever nothing needs some one to help it along, up "Sweeney" comes smiling and bluffs every one into believing something needs something done to it, and he convinces all that he's the man for the job. He then gets busy and boosts until all agree that "Sweeney" is indispensable to student activities.

## THE LUNACY OF "SWEENEY"

"Sweeney" is certainly "buggy"—a fact he also succeeds in demonstrating. He is most buggy on the subject of the giants and C. Mathewson, though he also dotes on Prof. Ritchie and the Biology Department. Someone in the remote past told "Sweeney" one could make money at playing doctor. Accordingly if you desire to be sufficiently "curled" ask him the cause of cosmogony or the medical value of oxyphinglam-inopropionic acid.

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## OUTLOOK FOR WINNING BASKETBALL TEAM VERY PROMISING

Four Monogram Men to Start With. Large Number Out For Team

The prospects for a championship basketball team this year at William and Mary are more promising than they have been in some time. For the past few years the teams have had a very creditable record against some of the strongest quintets in the state. The team this season will be strengthened considerably by Metcalf, who played on the 1909 squad, and also on a fast Y. M. C. A. team in Richmond. Of last year's squad, Capt. Metcalf, who has played two years at center, Hubbard, and Turner will make the nucleus of a winning team.

Practice was started last Monday with thirty men responding to the first call. Among these candidates are some that were on the scrub team last year, and some who played good ball on the Academy team. However, the majority of the men trying for positions lack experience, but the material on a whole looks like winning timber. With four monogram men to start with, and a large squad to pick the other man from, there is good reason for believing that Coach Young will clean up a championship.

The team has been practicing hard for the past week, and the most promising material so far is Scheie, Thomas and Dameron, who were on the scrub team last year; and Frey, Zehmer, and Stone, who were members of the Academy squad before entering college.

Manager Hubbard has arranged a rather heavy schedule, the most important games being with our old rivals, Richmond, Randolph-Macon and Hampden-Sidney. The opening game will be played here Dec. 7, with Richmond College.

## HOW TO KILL A SCHOOL PAPER

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2. Look up our advertisers and trade with some one else. Be a "knocker."
3. Never try to help the paper, but find fault with it after it is published. Be a "cat."
4. Never find any good in the paper. Be a "pessimist."—Exchange.

## BRUTON PARISH CHURCH THE SCENE OF A PRETTY WEDDING SATURDAY

Former William and Mary Student Weds Williamsburg Girl

Beautiful and historic Bruton church was the scene Saturday, at 3 p. m., of a pretty and impressive marriage ceremony. The contracting parties were Mr. Herbert Wentworth Vaden, of Chatham, Va., and Miss Bessie Lee Spencer, of this city. Miss Spencer is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Spencer, and is very popular among her many acquaintances. Mr. Vaden, who is now principal of a high school near Chatham, has been for the past three years a student at William and Mary, where he was quite popular and prominently connected with the various departments of college activities. It will be recalled that Mr. Vaden was the capable and efficient manager of The Flat Hat last year.

The occasion was the social event of the season. The church was exquisitely decorated with ferns, palms, chrysanthemums and lilies. The Festival march and Schubert's serenade were rendered perfectly by Miss Eva Wright. During the recital "O Promise Me" was sung by Mr. Ernest L. Wright.

The bridal party entered at the west door to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march. Messrs. H. A. Turner, R. C. Vaden, brother of the groom; T. H. Geddy, Jr., and Edward Spencer, brother of the bride, ushered. Following was Miss Mary Henlev Spencer, sister of the bride and maid of honor, charmingly gowned in gold satin, heavily embroidered. In perfect time with the old, sweet strains the bride entered, lovely in white satin with real lace and pearls, leaning on the arm of her father. She was met at the altar by the groom with Mr. M. T. Vaden, as best man.

The service was read by the rector, Rev. E. Ruffin Jones, while "O Promise Me" and Lohengrin were softly played. The bride was given away by her father. The party retired to Mendelssohn's wedding march.

Following the wedding a brilliant reception was held at the home of the bride.

Among the out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Vaden, R. C. and M. T. Vaden, of Chat-

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### FORM A SCIENCE CLUB

This is decidedly an age of classification and scientific inquiry. However much some may try to prove that the scientific spirit is being supplanted gradually by another more useful and beneficial, the fact still remains that there are more people who, at this stage in the progress of civilization, are searching for the great truths of nature than ever before in man's history. The wonderful discoveries made and the results accomplished serve as a great impetus to still greater endeavor, and the work of the scientist is destined to last as long as there are truths to seek and facts to discover.

Realizing the importance of, and fully appreciating the very great value of a study of science courses, William and Mary, a few years since, expanded her work along this line, so as to be able to give her students a more thorough and adequate training in the various branches of scientific study. The interest in, and the standard of this work has improved with each succeeding year, until now the institution can boast of a science department which compares most favorably with that of any other similar school. In fact, some who are very prominently connected with the college, have recently remarked that William and Mary has the scientific fever with a vengeance.

But, after all, William and Mary is doing no more along this line than what is essential. The mere fact that the institution has thus recog-

nized the great value of scientific knowledge and in so doing has succeeded in bringing here a class of men who preferably pursue science work, makes it imperative that science courses occupy a large and prominent place in the college curriculum. As a matter of fact those actively engaged in this field of student endeavor could well afford to become still more active; they owe it to themselves to use every possible means of improvement.

For some time it has been our opinion that all those who are interested in science should organize a club, having for its purpose the promotion of a love for scientific study and the dissemination of scientific knowledge. Now we make bold to declare our belief, and suggest the immediate formation of a science club.

The benefits to be derived from a club of this kind are too numerous to mention here in detail. Let it suffice to indicate only a few of the more important. There can be no doubt that the organization, if properly conducted, would greatly increase the student's desire for a fuller and more complete knowledge of the various scientific subjects. Again the club certainly would be the means of broadening one's vision. In doing science work too many students are content to confine their efforts almost wholly to one or two departments, thereby depriving themselves of the privilege of seeing the wonderfully close relationship existing among the different branches of study; whereas, if they could meet on a common footing with those of other departments and hear them discuss subjects of interest in their particular branches, all would be able to get a comprehensive and intelligent view of the field. Finally, it may be said, that the club would be very effective in diffusing knowledge among its members, which they otherwise would not get.

So why not form a science club? Nothing stands in the way, and it would be a benefit. Other colleges doing less science work than William and Mary have done so. Shall we be satisfied to lag behind? Science students, take the matter in hand and form the club without further delay.

### THE SCRUB'S REWARD

BY W. L. D.

"It's great to be a hero,  
It's fine to be a star,  
To hear your name resounding  
Through halls of fame afar.  
"But it's tough to wear a jersey  
And be looked on as a dub,  
That's why we sing the praises  
Of the good old scrub.  
"For ten long, weary weeks from  
noon  
'Till darkness hid the field,  
He's heard the coaches curse him  
When the scrubline had to yield.

"But worst of all was from the start,  
(And no one knew it better),  
The chances were not one in ten,  
He'd ever win a letter.

"But there was that within him  
when

Hope hid her cheering gleam,  
Which made him fight the harder  
For his college and its team.

"When seated on the side lines  
With just a minute to play,  
His team chalks up a touchdown  
And finally wins the days.

"Forgotten are the ten long weeks,  
Forgot that name of dub,  
He wouldn't swap with old John D—  
He played upon the scrub."

In quoting the above verses from a Boston, (Mass.) newspaper, we take the opportunity of settling a half-forgotten debt to our own scrub team. In the excitement of the football season, we lose sight of the scrub. All tongues and pens sing the praise of mighty heroes, and the 'varsity occupies the center of the stage. But what of the men

who make that 'varsity possible? What of the men who come out day after day to be thrown and kicked about and trampled on; to be battered and bruised; to be cussed and scolded for not doing better than their best? They are but an incident in the evolution of the finished football team, and are soon relegated to oblivion. What is it that prompts the scrub to come up daily for more? It is not the hope of achieving the goal of every college man's ambition, the winning of his letter, for such is beyond his fondest dream. His is a greater ambition, his a nobler work, because performed without hope of reward. His goal is the turning out of a winning team and the triumph of his alma mater. Hats off to the scrubs!

The article of last week which stated that arrangements were being made for a coach in basketball had reference to the academy and not to the college.

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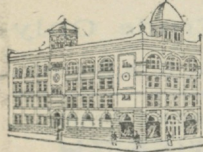
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### WHO'S WHO AND WHY AT THE VENERABLE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

INCIDENTALLY

Sweeney is 'varsity end, manager "Flat Hat," past manager Mountain Echo, manager Baseball team, etc. He does many other equally important stunts. "Sweeney" is little and cute. He wears a round hat usually, holds his head on the side and a pipe in his mouth, but alas! he no longer sports a mustache. In fact the hustling New Yorker cuts a very pleasing figure and a more important figure in student activities, or a more loyal booster of the college, one would go far to find.

### COL. BATCHELLER DONATES LIBERALLY

Friends of the college will be delighted to learn that Col. George Clinton Batcheller, the wealthy New York manufacturer and staunch friend of William and Mary, has again remembered the old institution in a very substantial way. This time he has donated the handsome sum of \$25,000 to be used in the erection of a large and commodious assembly hall.

It will be recalled that Col. Batcheller gave quite liberally toward the library building, which was built in 1908.

### DR. CLARK ADDRESSES Y. M. C. A.

On last Tuesday evening, Dr. W. P. Clark, of the faculty, addressed the Y. M. C. A. on the subject: "Teaching as a Profession." As usual, since the beginning of the series of special lectures, the hall was well filled, and the address was of a very high grade.

In a very logical way, Dr. Clark pointed out that those who engage in teaching are confronted by numerous obstacles. Very often, he said, the teacher, since he is a public servant, is kept from doing as he would like to do. Then, after showing the various difficulties which the teacher must encounter, the speaker proceeded to show some of the advantages belonging to the profession. Concluding, he said that the teacher's object should always be to teach the truth.

The next lecture will be given by Dr. W. P. Matthews, of Richmond. His subject will be: "The Medical Profession."

### THANKSGIVING GERMANS

On next Thursday evening, beginning immediately after the address in the chapel, the young ladies of the town will give a leap yeargerman in the college gymnasium.

On the following evening the German Club of the college will also give a dance to which all dancing students are invited.

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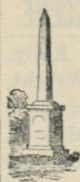
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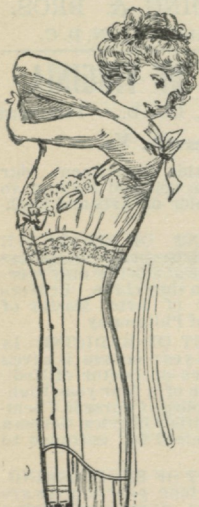
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### IN AND OUT OF COLLEGE TOPICS

Mr. W. H. Neblett, who is studying law at Washington and Lee, spent Friday and Saturday here, the guest of Mr. T. H. Geddy and family. Mr. Neblett was one of the players in the Norfolk game Thursday.

Miss Emily Christian spent the past week-end in Richmond.

Mr. H. D. Cole, clerk of the city school board, has been appointed acting superintendent of the Williamsburg schools until a selection is made by the State Board.

Miss Betty Wright visited her brother, E. L. Wright, the past week.

Mr. Blake Tyler Newton, who teaches in Northern Virginia, attended the Vaden-Spencer nuptials Saturday.

Mr. H. L. Womack spent Thanksgiving in Ashland.

Mr. T. H. Geddy, Jr., law student at Washington and Lee, visited his parents here Friday and Saturday.

Mr. W. T. Hodges, superintendent of schools in Alexandria, was a visitor at the college last Wednesday.

Mr. J. F. Hall, who teaches English in the Farmville High School, spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall.

Mr. M. L. Borkey, a former student, was here last week from Richmond.

Mr. D. B. Spencer, of Washington, visited his father last week.

The Flat Hat has received a communication which states that William and Mary Alumni of the Southwestern part of the state, will hold a banquet at Norton, Va., on December 14. A large attendance is expected, as there are many old William and Mary men in that section of the state.

Messrs. W. E. Somers and W. L. Drewry saw the Norfolk game Thursday.

Most of the faculty and college students attended the educational conference in Richmond last week.

Mr. A. B. Land is on the sick list.

For some reason, unknown to us, the William and Mary banquet, scheduled to be held the past week in connection with the teachers' conference, was canceled.

Mr. W. K. Doty, who teaches at Tappahannock, was here Sunday.

Supt. J. N. Hillman, of Coeburn, Va., spent the past week-end here, the guest of Mr. W. Burns and family.

### FRESHMAN CLASS ORGANIZES

On last Wednesday evening the members of the Freshman Class met and elected the following officers: President, B. A. Garth; vice-president, J. F. Barnes; secretary, W. B. Stone; treasurer, W. C. Ferguson; historian, H. A. Campbell.

The class, this year, numbers about seventy—the largest in the history of the college.

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